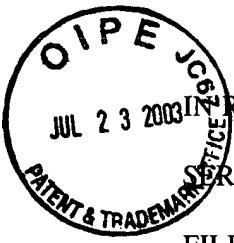


7-24-3

Express Mail No. EU265089285US
Attorney Docket No.: AM-5256-2

AF/1700

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE



RE APPLICATION OF: Jeng H. Hwang et al.

SERIAL NO.: 09/747,667

FILED: December 22, 2000

FOR: PLASMA HEATING OF A SUBSTRATE WITH
SUBSEQUENT HIGH TEMPERATURE ETCHING

§ GROUP ART UNIT: 1765

§ EXAMINER: S. Ahmed

§ § Attorney Docket No.:
§ § AM-5256-2

Date: July 23, 2003

RECEIVED
JUL 28 2003
TC 1700

AMENDMENT "B" UNDER 37 CFR § 1.116
TRANSMITTAL LETTER

Hon. Commissioner for Patents
P.O. Box 1450
Alexandria, Virginia 22313-1450

Sir:

Transmitted herewith is applicants' Amendment "B" in response to the final Office Action mailed May 23, 2003, having a shortened statutory period for response of August 23, 2003. This Amendment "B" is being submitted within two (2) months of the mailing date of the Final Rejection, to permit time for an Advisory Action.

CERTIFICATE OF MAILING UNDER 37 CFR § 1.10

I hereby certify that this paper is being deposited with the U.S. Postal Service on the date shown below with sufficient postage as U.S. EXPRESS MAIL NO. EU265089285US in an envelope addressed to: Mail Stop AF, Commissioner for Patents, P.O. Box 1450, Alexandria, VA 22313-1450.

Date: July 23, 2003

Shirley L. Church
Shirley L. Church, Reg. No. 31,858

CLAIMS AS AMENDED

<u>CLAIMS REMAINING AFTER AMENDMENT</u>		<u>HIGHEST NO. PREVIOUSLY PAID FOR</u>		<u>PRESENT EXTRA</u>		<u>RATE</u>	<u>ADDITIONAL FEE</u>
TOTAL CLAIMS	91	minus	91	=	0	x \$18.00	\$00.00
INDEPENDENT CLAIMS	4	minus	4	=	0	x \$84.00	\$00.00
MULTIPLE DEPENDENT CLAIMS			previously paid			\$280.00	\$00.00
						TOTAL FEE DUE	\$00.00

Applicants do not believe that any fee is due in connection with the filing of this Amendment "B". However, in the event that a fee is due, the Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge the amount of such fee to Deposit Account No. 50-1512 of Shirley L. Church, Sunnyvale, California.

This transmittal letter is submitted in duplicate for accounting purposes.

Respectfully submitted,


Shirley L. Church
 Shirley L. Church
 Registration No. 31,858
 Attorney for Applicants

Correspondence Address:
 Patent Counsel
 Applied Materials, Inc.
 P.O. Box 450-A
 Santa Clara, California 95052